

AMA CHEWER

OUR SIXTY SECOND YEAR

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th. Fridays each Month.
U. C. Missions Bldg. Burnham Hall
222 S. Downey Ave. 8:00 PM.

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MEETING: March 9, 1979.

Paul Bohrer, W9DUU will give us an introduction
to elementary ATV.-- How to get started in Amateur TV.

New Members The club would like to welcome the following into the club.
Fredrick W. Riecks, N9AF of 5966 Oakhill W. Dr., Plainfield,
Ind. 46168 --Robert J. Foster, WB7QWG of 10126 Catalina Dr.
Indpls, 46236 and Janet Carender, WD9IWX of 525 N. Bancroft
St. Indpls, 46201.

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Jerry Lucas announces the April 5th meeting will be held at Mac's
Steak House, 91st and Meridain St. 6:30 PM. Call Jerry 291-0372 for
more information.

SILENT KEY The first of the month brought some sad news. Cecil King, WB9CCO
passed away. He was well known in the Indpls area as being very active on
RTTY, Navy Mars and 2 and 6 meters. His history as a ham goes back to the
post war days, WB9CCO was his second call, having been a ham in the West
Indies while still in the Navy. He was a great trader and a lively con-
versationalist on the air. He was ready to talk with anyone on freq. 73's
old friend, you will be greatly missed.

SICK List We were glad to hear Mrs. Pittman, Alvey's XYL is doing nice-
ly after a visit to the hospital. Bill Johnson is reported doing alright
but we have'nt seen him lately. We have learned that Vern Swigert, K9YBZ
Has been in the St. Francis Hospital with a broken hip suffered in a fall
His room # is 863 and telephone # is 783-8752. Give old Vern a call or
send him a card He will be glad to hear from you.

VACATIONS We heard from Mal Eberhart again this month but not on the
air, but not all the Southbounders were in Florida, Phil Cleary, W9NEQ
and XYL took off in January and returned Feb 2nd after visiting in Puerto
Rico and other West Indies ports. Phil reports smooth seas, fine food and
sunny days. Phil also reported that amateur radio is active with lots of
antennas in evidence.

CLUB DUES March 1st was the deadline for paying. For those of you, whom
we have not heard from, this will be your last copy of the newsletter and
your name will dropped from the mailing list.

Program Review At the meeting of Feb 9th. a short business meeting was he
held before the program started. Several matters of old business were dis-
cussed. The proposed change in the constitution was argued, voted upon
and rejected. Dave Timmerman read as announcement of the open meeting of
the Weather Radar Committee of the 16-76 repeater group. This meeting has
since been postponed to Sunday, March 11, 1979 at 2 PM. in the Red Cross
Chapter House -- Several proposals concerning the purchase of new equip-
ment for the use of club members were rejected. It was proposed that sugg-
estions for these purchases be presented to the editor and given exposure
in the Ama-Chewer, so that the entire membership can have a chance to
consider the merits of these purchases Before being asked to vote.

The sale of the obsolete equipment now owned by the club is being seriously considered by the Board of Directors. The present scheme is to have one piece placed up for bid each month. The high bid will acquire that particular piece. The Board's selection for the month of March will be:

March 9th. ---- BC#221 Frequency meter. --No power supply.

March 23rd ---- Heath- Model 1-B Impedance Bridge.

Following the business meeting a very interesting presentation of the work of the National Traffic System was given by John "Mike" Kell, W9LTU. He had a handout which outlined the flow of traffic from the local nets up to the national level in the morning and the reverse flow in the afternoon. An evening schedule is also maintained on a shorter time base. Most of this is on 80 meters CW. Mike is a personable young man dedicated to getting as many hams as possible, interested in traffic handling. Those interested in the comment Mike made about the TS-820 should see Byron Fortner, W9FYH, or this editor.

PROGRAM REVIEW --On February 23rd, which was a very foggy night until about meeting time, we were entertained by a talk and slide show by Ann Ely, Education Coordinator for the Indianapolis Newspapers Inc. While the slides were interesting, Mrs. Ely kept the show moving with many anecdotes and comments of the people and the machinery being pictured. Of course, the big interest of the club members were the applications of electronics to the newspaper business. The heart of the action is the computer or rather two computers: one for the Star and one for the News. The computers store most of the information and the stories collected by the reporters besides controlling much of the processing. Art work is reproduced by photography processes also involved with electronics. The old clackity-clack teletype, the linotype, the electro-type, and the paper-mache mats are all in the museum now, having been replaced by sleek looking electronic equipment awaiting the next flash from telestar. So the old Front Page type newspaper office just isn't there anymore.

The red robin, the spring poet and the harbinger of the Dayton Hamfest, all are telling us spring is just around the corner if the snow melts in time. Larry Mosier, W9SWM came all the way over from Richmond on the same foggy night to tell us all about it and he was full of info and knew why the reservations are running four weeks late, etc. He had plenty of questions to answer about all kinds of details, but he had one serious proposal for the club, Why not sponsor a candidate for the Amateur of the year award? Also the FCC exams will be held again this year, hopefully with improved conditions. This promises to be the usual big show with plenty of goodies to look forward to.

CALL SIGNS -- Call signs have been doing "Didoes" this past year, Old friends suddenly become strangers with familiar voices. However, some are not interested in this new trend and are sticking to their old calls. Among those swimming upstream is James Mahoney, WN9WOV who used to be WB9WOV and when he upgraded he asked for his old novice call back. He probably is the only "N" call in the 9th all area or at least I could'nt find any others. -- Another keeping his old call sign is Jim Rinehart, WB9PXR even though he is now an Extra class license holder, Congrats Jim. I think everybody knows Willard Walsh, AA9T who upgraded this past year also.

VISITOR Ron Williams, W9JVF had a visitor in the person of Leon Madziarski, SP6DXG of Poland, who is in the states on an engineering trip. Leon speaks three languages, Russian, German, and Polish, and a little English. He expressed interest in attending our club meeting, so Ron bring him along this coming Friday evening.

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U. C. Missions Bldg. PROGRAM OF MARCH 23, 1979 8:00 PM.

DON MILLER, W9NTP our Central Division Director will tell of new developments at ARRL. and just where the Amateur stands in this critical year for Amateur Radio.

TO BE AUCTIONED OFF THIS MEETING

HEATHKIT

MODEL 1-B

IMPEDANCE BRIDGE.